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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 11 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2007 totaled 240,000 head, 11 percent below the December 1, 2006 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory increased 5,000 head from the number on hand November 1, 2007. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 48,000 head, up 5,000 head from November 2006 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during November totaled 42,000 head, down 14,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during November, down 1,000 head from November 2006.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on December 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above December 1, 2006 and 3 percent above December 1, 2005. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.12 million, 12 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 361,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2006 but 2 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during November, 31 percent below 2006 and 37 percent below 2005.



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